

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome

We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith

Community, please contact our parish office at

office@ololgc.org or stop by any time after scheduled Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established – 1875

534 N. Wood Street

Gibson City, IL 60936

Priest—Fr. Greg Skowron

Parish Office Secretary
Monday and Thursday –
4:00 pm

Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671

General Information

office@ololgc.org

Website www.ololgc.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:30 am

Confession

4:30 pm before Saturday Mass

Any time by Appointment

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street

Paxton, IL 60957

Phone—217-379-4033

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am

Adoration

Tuesdays 8:00 am –5:15 pm

1st Friday of month—1 hr after 8 am Mass

Confession

Tuesday 4:30 to 5:00 pm

1st Friday of the month during Holy Hour

1st Sat. of the month –8:30 –8:50 am



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street

Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am Thursday 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30 am



Jn 14:8-10 Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.

I Am Here.



Come Visit Me.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday Mass—8:00 am

Followed by the Rosary, Confession, Adoration
8:30 to 9:30 am

If you cannot commit to a time, please come when you can. Jesus will be waiting for you ! There are books/pamphlets at the back of the church for you to read and ponder while you adore Jesus. (Please return the reading materials when you are finished)

If you have any questions, please call Fran Mardis at (217) 784-8515

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary death, birthday or other occasion, please contact the parish office or Lori Gale at 309 475-9261.

Monday, May 4		
Tues, May 5	8 am to 5:15 pm (STM) 5:15 PM	Adoration Benediction
WED, May 6	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Pete Hartford (by Carla Moxley) Adoration
THURS, May 7	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI, May 8	8:00 am (STM) 1st Friday of the Month	Mass Adoration for 1 hour after Mass
SAT, May 9	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+ Dorita Bechtel (by Mick and Gladys Simenc)
SUNDAY May 10	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (6th Sunday of Easter) (Mother's Day)	Mass Mass All Mothers (past, present and future)in addition to 13 Confirmation Candidates

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

April 25/26	\$3,361.00
Capital (as of April 26)	\$490.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$15,700) As of 4/26/26	\$6,150.00
Food Pantry April Total Yr to Date FP	\$76.00 \$ 322.00 \$1,306.00

Special Collections

April 25/26
 Catholic Home Missions
 \$720.00

 Capital May 2/3

*Ministry
 Schedules*

Date Ministry Volunteers Contact Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)	Altar Servers	Lector	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY May 9 5:00 pm		Michael Smith	Needed	(May) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY May 10 11:00 AM (6th Sunday of Easter)	(May) needed	Jack Kollross	Needed	(May)	

Mass Attendance April 25 Saturday (51) April 26 Sunday (66) = Total 117
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm May 7th, 14th, 20th, 27th

 Saturday, May 9—Mass 5:30 PM Please note that we are expecting 13 Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and families in attendance on Sunday, so please try to attend Saturday Mass so we can accommodate everyone.
 Sunday, May 10—Mass and Confirmation 11:00 am (celebrated by Bishop Dennis Spies) Refreshments will be served at the Hall after Mass
 Thursday, May 7—4:30 to 6:30 pm Dinner for 1—Country Kettle (RSVP to Sarah)
 Thursday, May 21—4:30 to 6:30 pm—Dinner for 1—Country Kettle (RSVP to Sarah)

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism.
 Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Sick??

If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Office@ololgc.org

Marriage/RCIA

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



'Travelling Mary' is an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the 'Travelling Mary' Statue home for one week, place her in a place of honor, and pray together with your family at least once a day. Make her welcome in your home. Mary will stay in your home for 1 week....(from Sunday to Saturday). She is to be returned to the church before Saturday evening Mass, so the next family can pick her up.

The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. So far everyone has been very excited over this endeavor. We would like to continue this at least thru this year, and perhaps beyond.

May 4-May 9—Martha Heavilin
May 10-16—Fran Mardis



Dinner for One Invitation

Please, come and join our Dinner for One group. This group is for anyone who is a Widow or Widower. These events are a chance to talk and meet other people and have some laughs and a delicious meal.

When: Thursday, May 7 and May 21, 2026

Where: Country Kettle, 810 S Sangamon Ave. Gibson City

Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm Dinner: 5:00pm

Cost: Order from menu (Alcohol Available)

RSVP: by the May 6 or 20th (for making reservations)

(Please Call, Text, or Email Sarah Sarantakos (Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0528 or email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com



If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet **our parish goal of \$15,700.00**.

Every gift makes a difference !!

Note from Lori - (Please respond)

Did anyone sign up for the internet service **'Formed' (Forming Catholics for Life)** that was offered to our parishioners in April, 2025. If you signed up, please send an email to Lori to let her know.

Email: office@ololgc.org

Volunteers NEEDED >>>>>Choir members, Ushers, Altar servers (adults welcome), Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed as we continue in 2026. Please send an email to the rectory or leave a message if you are available to serve our parish in any of these capacities. Thank you in advance !



PS 33 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

May Rosary Schedule

Wednesday—8:30 am

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:30am

Please try to pray the Rosary every day with your family.



Attention : Our Lady of Lourdes needs 2 new council members in July for a 3 year term. Also in need of 1 or 2 Religious Education Director(s) (a paid position) after this school year. Please contact the Parish Council for more information.

Good News!

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

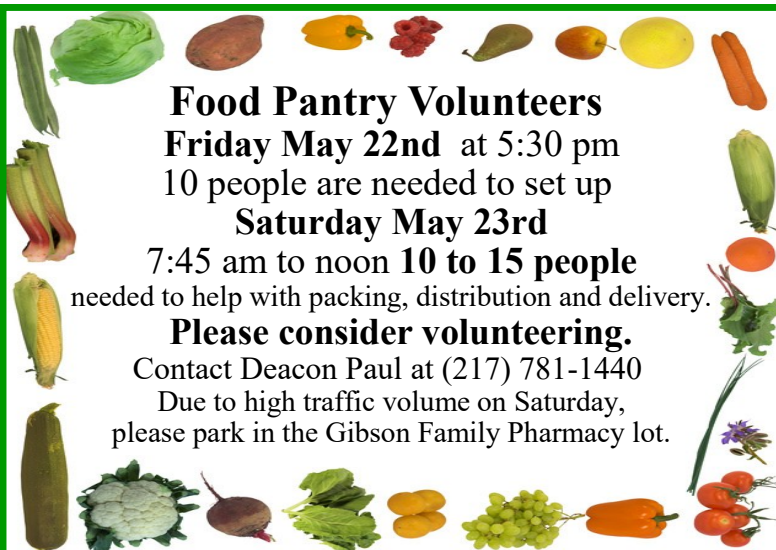
ANN M. GARRIDO

When I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It's a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today's gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. "Show us the Father," he says, "and that will be enough for us" (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus' words and actions are the Father's words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received "enough."

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don't get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I've been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I "shall not want." I already have all I need. ●



Food Pantry Volunteers

Friday May 22nd at 5:30 pm

10 people are needed to set up

Saturday May 23rd

7:45 am to noon **10 to 15 people**

needed to help with packing, distribution and delivery.

Please consider volunteering.

Contact Deacon Paul at (217) 781-1440

Due to high traffic volume on Saturday, please park in the Gibson Family Pharmacy lot.

Catholic Spirit Radio invites you to their 15th Anniversary

Gala on **Thursday, May 14** at The Chateau in Bloomington – featuring dinner, a live auction, and a live keynote with nationally-acclaimed Dr. Ray Guarendi! **Doors open at 5PM. Dinner at 6PM.** Visit catholicspiritradio.com for reservations and more details. Can't attend in person? A Virtual Attendee option is available to watch Dr. Ray's keynote from home. For the ultimate experience, add a breakfast with Dr. Ray on Friday, May 15! All proceeds support Catholic Spirit Radio's building purchase fund so your attendance will make a lasting difference for Catholic radio. Join us for a very special evening!

NOTE ** Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.
Email to office@ololgc.org. Or call and leave a message at the parish office (217) 784-4671**

2025-2026 Parish Council

Pam Aubry (President)
(217-781-1237)
Fran Mardis (217-784-8515)
Martha Heavilin (309-826-4532)
Bernie Campos (217-898-3448)
Beth Baillie (217-954-8003)
Teresa Smith (208-243-2475)
Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

May Altar Flowers provided by

May 2/3 - Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
May 9/10—Paul Obert
May 16/17—Kevin and LeaAnn Seymour
May 23/24—Margy Shambrook
The flowers are \$40.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by Picket Fence

MONDAY
May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY
May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY
May 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY
May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY
May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY
May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY
May 10
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21

Pray for the Sick & Homebound



Brian Sullivan / Terry Hutchcraft
Joyce Pearson / Fran Mardis
Rosanne Miller / Ken Freehill
Pat Huth / Gary Gale / Paula Cyphert
Sarah Sarantakos / Jerry Lynch, Sr.
Lloyd Power / Donata Burnes/ Peter Erdmann
Martha Benefiel Heavilin

If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or office@ololgc.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

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www.facebook.com/ololgc.org

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gina Medernach (May 2)
Amy Killian (May 2)
Beth Hornstein (May 5)
Lynsie Bane (May 6)
Tyler Killian (May 6)
Katrina Medernach (May 8)
Suzanne Vetter (May 8)
Brett Beyers (May 9)

Happy Anniversary

God Bless our Parish Family !



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER THREADS

This PRAYER THREAD is for those in need of prayer support.

If you would like to be a 'Prayer Warrior' in the prayer threads OR if you have a need for prayers, contact Alyce Hafer at (217) 745-2411 or joenalyceh@cawi.org

(Your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer thread).



Homebound Ministry

is always available for Catholics who cannot come to Mass because they are in the hospital, recovering at home, sick at home, or have moved to a care facility.

To have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you, Please contact :

Deacon Paul Sarantakos (217-781-1440)

A note concerning

Hall Rental—

When using the Hall during the **winter months**, please turn the thermostat down to 68 degrees before leaving. When using the Hall during **summer months**, the thermostat should be set at 72 degrees. Thank you for your cooperation !!!